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In re Application of: David B. Wallace

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For: BULK INVENTORY NETWORK SYSTEM (BINS)

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I, ROBERT SIDDALL, state as follows:

1. All of the events outlined below occurred in the United States of America.
2. During the period between June, 1996 and November, 1998, I was Manager of Primary Operations for Pennsylvania Steel Technologies (PST), located at Steelton, Pennsylvania.
3. During the period between June, 1996 and November, 1998, Dave Wallace of the J.P. Donmoyer Company was permitted to install and perfect his system for monitoring a dry bulk material quantity at a remote site, at the PST facilities at Steelton.
4. In and around October, 1996, J. P. Donmoyer personnel, David Wallace, Frank Costanzo, and Mike Egbert, along with Anthony Mantione of Pennsylvania Lime, Inc., made a presentation to John Martz of PST, Joe Hahn of PST, and myself at our facilities at Steelton, Pennsylvania. The J.P. Donmoyer team outlined their proposal for an experimental installation of Dave Wallace's invention at the PST facilities. I agreed to such an experimental installation at the PST facilities, and assigned John

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Martz of the PST maintenance staff to install the required telephone line and assist Daves team as needed.

5. To my knowledge and belief, numerous problems associated with the proper implementation of Dave's invention at PST had to be identified and overcome by Dave and his team during the two year and five month period between the inception of the experimental installation at PST, and its actual operation in November, 1998.
6. To my knowledge and belief, many of the components and devices associated with the installation of Dave's invention at the PST facility had to be replaced or reprogrammed during the two year and five month period between the inception of the experimental installation at PST, and its actual operation in November, 1998.
7. To my knowledge and belief, Dave and his team worked diligently throughout the foregoing period to perfect the implementation of his invention at the PST facilities.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issuing thereon.

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